



# Avoid the 30 Riverside County PRESS RELEASE



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## MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND AVOID CAMPAIGN – SUNDAY UPDATE

### *DUI Arrests Down & DUI Fatalities Down*

The Memorial Day Weekend DUI enforcement effort has resulted in a significant number of DUI arrests from local, routine traffic enforcement and special Avoid the 30 DUI deployments through the first 48 hours of the campaign in Riverside County.

From 12:01 AM, Friday, May 25, 2012, through midnight, Saturday, May 26, 2012, officers representing 30 Riverside County law enforcement agencies have arrested **104** individuals for driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs. Four of those individuals were arrested at an Avoid checkpoint conducted by the Riverside Police Department on Van Buren Boulevard. In 2011, 112 DUI arrests occurred during the same time period.

There have been no alcohol related deaths reported. Last year, there was one alcohol related death during this same time.

(\*\*NOTE: These numbers are only provisional with some agencies yet to report\*\*)

DUI arrest data collection will continue through midnight, Monday, May 28, 2012. Law enforcement officials are continuing DUI efforts throughout the county and region. Additionally, CHP stations throughout the state have all available officers patrolling freeways and county roads throughout the weekend.

For Sunday, May 27<sup>th</sup>, extra DUI Saturation Patrols will be deployed in the cities of Moreno Valley as well as into the unincorporated areas of Temecula. A DUI checkpoint is deploying in the city of Perris.

Police, Sheriff and the CHP encourage all motorists to help make your community safer: Report Drunk Drivers – Call 911!

Funding for this program was provided by a grant from the California Office of Traffic Safety, through the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

**MEDIA NOTE:** Please visit the AVOID website at [www.californiaavoid.org](http://www.californiaavoid.org) for more information and the locations of tonight's DUI Enforcement or contact your local law enforcement agency for ride-a-longs. Statistical data on the number of DUI arrests and DUI fatal crashes will be released from the previous day's activities. The checkpoint locations and saturation patrols will be available for media opportunities or ride-a-longs each night.

Avoid programs, named for the number of police agencies in each county, also will concentrate crackdowns on the Independence Day holiday period as well as the 18-Day August/Labor Day period. In recognition that summer season is among the deadliest time of the year, law enforcement agencies throughout the county will be making every effort to arrest drunk drivers before another life is lost.



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